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MISSOULA....

Following a split on the road, the Montana Grizzlies will have a week off for Christmas and then it's back to the basketball court for a home game against the College of Great Falls, Thursday, Dec. 29. Tip-off is at 8 p.m. No junior varsity game is scheduled before the main event.

The Griz beat the University of Pacific, 64-61 in Stockton last Monday night, but dropped the second game against Fresno State, 49-44, Wednesday night. Michael Ray Richardson led the UM scoring attack in both games with 27 and 19 points. The split gives UM a 6-4 record. However, the club is playing .500 ball on the road with a 3-3 mark.

Richardson is now averaging 26.7 points per game, also leads the team in rebounds, assists, steals and blocked shots.

The College of Great Falls is a 2-7 team with a game against Calvin College on the 28th. Coached by Ray Dodds, the Argos are led on offense this season by sophomore forward Dean McFadden. The 6-4 native of Great Falls is averaging 19.5 points per game. Senior guard Brent Kallevig is chipping in 12.0 ppg. Sophomore center George Coughran (6-8) is leading the team in rebounding with 9.6 rebounds a game. Forward Leon Ware is taking down 7.0 rebounds a game.

Senior guard Les Marsh is the team leader in assists with 5.0 a game. The Argos are led by the two senior guards, Marsh and Kallevig. McFadden teams up with the two seniors to give CGF scoring punch. Probable starters for the Argos are Coughran at center, McFadden and Ware at forwards and Kallevig and Marsh at guards. Sophomore forward Rob Spear (6-5) and junior guard Don Mackey (5-10) are pushing hard for starting jobs and will see plenty of action regardless.

The Argos are averaging 75.0 points a game on offense and giving up 81.0 points a game to the opposition. The Argos are taking down 34.0 rebounds a game and shooting 47 % from the field.

Although they lack somewhat in size, the team has experienced people back this season. Even with a slow start, CGF can be expected to be in the top three of the Frontier Conference in 1978.

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